

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, and 20 are pending in this application with claims 4, 6-9, and 11-18 being amended and claims 10, 19 and 21 being canceled by this amendment.

The Claims have been amended for clarity and to eliminate any instances of multiple dependency. No new matter has been added.

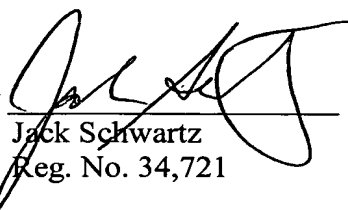
Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of claim fees for the filing of the National Stage of the subject application.

Applicant respectfully requests prompt and favorable examination on the merits of this application. Should there be any questions regarding the application, the examiner is cordially invited to contact applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below.

No fee is believed due. Please charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 50-2828.

Respectfully submitted,  
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